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PRESIDENTS AND OTHER DETAILS OF BANZER VISIT.

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SUMMARY PRESIDENTS BANZER AND PASTRANA ISSUED A JOINT
DECLARATION ON JULY 17 ON THE OCCASION OF THE VISIT OF
PRESIDENT BANZER TO COLOMBIA. THE DECLARATION EXPRESSES
MUTUAL FREINDSHIP, REAFFIRMS ADHESION TO THE ANDEAN PACT,
REITERATES RESPECT FOR SELF DETERMINATION NON-
INTERVENTION AND IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM, AND AFFIRMS THE
NECESSITY TO REFORM THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. PRESIDENT
BANZER RESPONDED WITH EQUANTIMITY TO POINTED
QUESTIONS CONCERNING BOLIVIAN POLITICS IN A PRESS
CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY

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1. PRESIDENTS BANZER AND PASTRANA SIGNED A JOINT

STATEMENT ON JULY 17 ON THE OCCASION OF THE VISIT OF
PRESIDENT BANZER TO COLOMBIA FROM JULY 16 TO JULY 18.
THE MAIN POINTS SUBSCRIBED TO BY THE TWO PRESIDENTS IN
THE JOINT DECLARATION ARE SUMMARIZED UNDER THE
FOLLOWING HEADINGS.

2. ANDEAN PACT. REAFFIRMED ADHESION TO THE ANDEAN PACT.

3. NON-INTERVENTION. REAFFIRMED RESPECT FOR JURIDICAL
EQUALITY OF STATES, SELF DETERMINATION, NON-INTERVENTION
AND PACIFIC SOLUTION OF CONTROVERSIES.

4. INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. AGREED ON THE NECESSITY TO
RESTRUCTURE THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM IN ORDER TO ADVANCE
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT SACRIFICING THE
IDEALS OF LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION WITH
OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE CONTINENT AND THE WORLD.

5. LAFTA. AGREED ON THE NECESSITY TO FORTIFY AND IMPROVE
THE LATIN AMERICAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION.

6. INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE. EXPRESSED PREOCCUPATION WITH
THE LIMITATIONS ON PARTICIPATION BY THE DEVELOPING
NATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND MONETARY
DECISIONS.

7. ENERGY. ATTACHED SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE
RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE SECOND MEETING OF MINISTERS OF
ENERGY AND PETROLEUM WHICH TOOK PLACE IN QUITO IN
MAY, IN PARTICULAR THE FORMATION OF A LATIN AMERICAN ENERGY
ORGANIZATION.

8. MUTUAL COOPERATION. RECOMMENDED A MEETING OF THE
BOLIVIAN-COLOMBIAN MIXED COMMISSION IN SEPTEMBER.

9. PRESIDENT BANZER ALSO HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN
WHICH HE DEMONSTRATED A MARKED SERENITY, ACCORDING
TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, IN THE FACE OF VERY POINTED QUESTIONS
ABOUT BOLIVIAN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. REFERRING TO A
QUESTION CONCERNING THE 1974 ELECTIONS, BANZER SAID
THAT ANYONE WHO WANTED TO COULD BE A CANDIDATE, AND
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DENIED THAT HE HAD EVER SAID HE WOULD BE A CANDIDATE.
HE EMPHASIZED THE OPENNESS OF BOLIVIAN SOCIETY, SAID
THAT THE DOOR WAS OPEN TO ANY BOLIVIANS WHO WANTED TO
RETURN TO THE COUNTRY, DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY REPRESSION OR
TORTURE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, SAID THAT THE COLOMBIAN
INTELLECTUALS WHO PUBLISHED A LETTER PROTESTING HIS VISIT
WERE NOT INTELLECTUALS, DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF CIA
SUPPORT FOR HIS GOVERNMENT, STATED THAT THERE WAS NO GUERRILLA

THREAT IN BOLIVIA, AND ATTRIBUTED THE BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHILE TO MARITIME PROBLEMS, EMPHASIZING BOLIVIA'S DISSATISFACTION WITH MARITIME TREATIES WITH CHILE AND BOLIVIA NEED FOR ACCESS TO THE OCEAN.

10. FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES REPORT THAT BANZER MADE A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ALTHOUGH HE SEEMED TO BE A MAN OF VERY FEW WORDS. THEY EXPLAINED GOC ACCESSION TO BANZER'S DESIRE TO VISIT COLOMBIA ON THE BASIS OF COMMON HISTORY AND THE PRINCIPLE OF IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM IN A CURIOUSLY DEFENSIVE COMMENT ON THE VISIT.

11. THE VISIT RECEIVED EXTENSIVE AND FAVORABLE COVERAGE IN THE LOCAL PRESS. WHITE

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